



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Tadashi WATANABE et al.**

Group Art Unit: **2818**

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Examiner: **David Vu**

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated May 17, 2006, Applicants amend the claims as follows and submit the following remarks. The response date having been extended by one month to May 30, 2006 by the Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page **2** of this paper.

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